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1. (amended) A taste masked particle comprising a core containing an active ingredient and a continuous polymeric coating covering said core, said coating comprising a mixture of a) an enteric polymer; and b) a water insoluble film forming polymer, wherein the active ingredient is at least 80% dissolved in 30 minutes in pH 7.2 phosphate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm and is at least 70% dissolved in 60 minutes in pH 5.6 acetate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm.

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6. (amended) The particle of claim 1, wherein the water insoluble film forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate and ethylcellulose.

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9. (amended) The particle of claim 1 wherein the weight ratio of enteric polymer to water insoluble film forming polymer in the coating is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20.

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11. (amended) A chewable tablet comprising taste masked particles, each particle comprising a core containing an active ingredient and a continuous polymeric coating covering said core, said coating comprising a mixture of a) an enteric polymer; and b) a water insoluble film forming polymer, wherein the active ingredient is at least 80% dissolved in 30 minutes in pH 7.2 phosphate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm and is at least 70% dissolved in 60 minutes in pH 5.6 acetate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm.

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16. (amended) The chewable tablet of claim 11, wherein the water insoluble film forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate and ethylcellulose.

18. (amended) The chewable tablet of claim 11, wherein the weight ratio of enteric polymer to water insoluble film forming polymer in the coating is in the range of about 20:80 to about 80:20.

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19. (amended) A method of taste masking particles comprising an active ingredient, which comprises applying a continuous polymeric coating over said particles, said coating comprising a mixture of a) an enteric polymer; and b) a water insoluble film forming polymer, wherein the active ingredient is at least 80% dissolved in 30 minutes in pH 7.2 phosphate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm and is at least 70% dissolved in 60 minutes in pH 5.6 acetate buffer when tested according to USP method II at 50 rpm.

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24. (amended) The method of claim 19, wherein the water insoluble film forming polymer is selected from the group consisting of cellulose acetate and ethylcellulose.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

This application contains claims 1-9 and 11-24. Claims 1, 11, and 19 are independent and have been amended herein. Claims 10 and 25 have been canceled, their subject matter now contained in the independent claims, as discussed below.

Claim 1 recites a taste masked particle comprising a core containing an active ingredient and a continuous polymeric coating covering said core, said coating comprising a mixture of a) an enteric polymer; and b) a water insoluble film forming polymer, wherein the active ingredient is at least 80%